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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2008. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 6, 2008 were 6.36 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	: Aug 2 : Aug 9 : Aug 16 : Aug 23 : Aug 30 : Sep 6						
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008
Thousand							
AL	: 29,539	: 29,855	*29,922	: 29,694	*29,951	: 29,747	
AR	: 25,143	: 25,107	24,608	: 24,742	24,697	: 24,277	
DE	: 3,657	: 3,644	3,631	*3,544	*3,494	: 3,479	
FL	: 1,281	: 1,326	*1,346	: 1,306	1,326	: 1,326	
GA	: 32,840	: 33,473	*32,822	: 32,794	*32,860	: 32,032	
KY	: *7,912	*7,683	*7,744	: 7,741	7,339	: 7,428	
LA	: 3,470	: 3,470	3,470	: 3,501	*3,501	: 3,501	
MD	: 8,900	: 8,811	8,871	: 8,738	8,696	: 7,578	
MS	: 18,561	: 18,598	18,160	: 18,428	17,853	: 17,666	
NC	: 18,810	: 18,890	*18,797	: 18,856	*19,011	: 18,546	
OK	: 7,063	: 6,477	*7,168	: 7,076	*7,122	: 6,920	
PA	: 4,339	: 4,028	4,002	: 3,850	*4,366	: 4,037	
SC	: 5,528	: 5,309	5,645	: 5,735	5,844	: 5,208	
TX	: *14,633	*15,035	*15,486	*15,494	*14,932	: 15,290	
VA	: 6,250	: 6,250	6,325	: 6,313	6,249	: 6,294	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: 19,198	: 18,951	18,904	*18,873	*17,991	: 18,497	
19 State Total	: *207,124	*206,907	*206,901	*206,685	*205,232	: 201,826	
Previous Year Total	: 216,255	: 217,312	216,594	: 215,662	215,502	: 208,821	
Pct. of Prev. Year	: 96	: 95	96	: 96	95	: 97	

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending						
	: Aug 2 : Aug 9 : Aug 16 : Aug 23 : Aug 30 : Sep 6						
	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008	: 2008
Thousand							
AL	: 21,021	: 21,452	21,432	: 20,609	*20,496	: 21,185	
AR	: 23,314	: 21,884	23,301	: 22,221	*21,575	: 22,340	
DE	: 4,497	: 4,959	5,213	*4,978	*5,131	: 4,977	
FL	: 1,282	: 1,134	1,032	: 1,124	*1,278	: 1,051	
GA	: 28,161	: 27,630	27,560	: 27,700	*27,317	: 26,821	
KY	: 5,911	: 6,105	6,512	*6,219	*6,345	: 6,517	
LA	: 3,359	: 3,757	3,269	: 3,659	*3,521	: 3,243	
MD	: 6,316	: 5,555	5,933	*5,897	*5,950	: 5,519	
MS	: 16,826	: 16,845	16,815	: 16,632	16,751	: 16,258	
NC	: 15,021	: 15,566	15,741	: 15,620	*15,883	: 15,655	
OK	: 3,910	: 5,154	3,618	: 4,539	*5,076	: 5,050	
PA	: 3,328	: 3,390	3,414	: 3,207	*3,131	: 3,102	
SC	: 4,819	: 4,789	4,676	: 4,333	4,624	: 5,130	
TX	: 13,080	*13,114	*12,494	*12,319	*12,557	: 12,941	
VA	: 4,557	: 5,080	5,283	: 5,592	4,525	: 4,720	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: 17,506	: 16,756	16,896	*16,181	*15,991	: 15,352	
19 State Total	: 172,908	*173,170	*173,189	*170,830	*170,151	: 169,861	
Previous Year Total	: 179,654	: 177,691	178,515	: 177,243	176,942	: 175,893	
Pct. of Prev. Year	: 96	: 97	97	: 96	96	: 97	

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